

**Minnesota Library Trustees and Advocates Annual Meeting Notes**  
**Oct. 8, 2015**  
**RiverCentre, St. Paul**

President Amy Wilde called the meeting to order at 1:42 p.m. Eleven people were present. Introductions were made. In the absence of former secretary Jane Brissett, Dennis Jerome from Grand Rapids agreed to take notes.

On motion by Marge McPeak, seconded by Paul Bursik, the minutes of the Oct. 9, 2014 annual meeting were approved as presented. Since there was no quorum at the March 2015 meeting, informal notes from that meeting were reviewed.

Wilde presented a budget update. Brochure printing costs were lower than anticipated, leaving money left over toward expenses for the MLTA workshop at this MLA conference. The group had informally authorized spending \$100 toward a speaker stipend for this workshop and, on motion by Bursik, seconded by Doris Rubenstein, that decision was ratified by the MLTA members present.

**2015 Budget**

Estimated revenue allotment from MLA: \$320

Expenses:	reprinting brochure:	\$167
	Rep. Urdahl stipend	<u>\$100</u>
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$267
Reserves donated back to MLA		<u>\$ 53</u>
Total 2015 Budget		\$320

Old Business:

- A. Membership brochure has been distributed last winter/spring. Enough left over for another distribution in 2016.
- B. Trustee training discussed. Most boards have a format of what they use for orientation. President was directed to check into what is done in the various systems. Discussion tabled until Legislative Day.

New Business: discussion about combining MLTA with state Friends organization. Main concern is about combining a 501(3) nonprofit organization with a subunit of Minnesota Library Association, which has political advocacy functions. Consensus that advocacy on issues is okay for nonprofits, but not support of particular candidates. Also, MLTA currently has MLA handle its membership and financial allotment.

Other discussion included ideas for future educational workshops:

1. What is the difference between governing and advisory library boards?
2. Legal matters, such as when to close a meeting for data privacy and/or other open meeting law concerns.
3. A history of Minnesota libraries.

4. Information about the minimum level of support and other library funding issues.

Election of officers:

- A. Dennis Jerome agreed to complete remainder of the secretary's term that was left vacant by resignation of Jane Brissett.
- B. Amy Wilde and Jim Weygand had been elected to two-year terms as president and vice president, respectfully, in Oct. 2014.
- C. On motion by McPeak, seconded by Rubenstein, the slate of officers was unanimously approved: Dennis Jerome elected secretary for one year and offices of Wilde and Weygand confirmed for second year.

On motion by Marge McPeak, seconded by Jim Weygand and passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Jerome and Amy Wilde

Partial list of attendees: Amy Wilde of Pioneerland Regional Board, Jim Weygand, of Carver, Marge McPeak of Arrowhead Regional Board, Paul Bursik of Lake Agassiz Regional Board, Doris Rubenstein of Richfield, Virginia Katz of Duluth, Karen Kramer of Eden Prairie, Dennis Jerome of Grand Rapids, Luanne Philipich of Dakota County, two library friends, a representative from Stillwater.